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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE TO ISSUE A SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the State of Utah's intention to issue a Section 401 Water Quality Certification with Conditions under the authority of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341), and consistent with the Utah Water Quality Act, Title 19, Chapter 5, Utah Code and Utah Administrative Code R317-15.

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: The United States Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
MAILING ADDRESS: 1325 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814
PROJECT LOCATION: The State of Utah
CERTIFICATION NO.: DWQ-2025-11003
WATERCOURSES: WOTUS in Utah

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Sacramento District proposes to issue a Regional General Permit (RGP) for National Energy Emergency Activities. This RGP was developed in response to Executive Order (EO) 14156, which declared a National Energy Emergency on January 20, 2025. The proposed RGP will authorize a range of activities, including but not limited to construction, maintenance, and repair of mining or drilling facilities, electric and gas facilities, transmission pipelines, energy storage sites, and related infrastructure such as access roads and docks. The permit applies within the Sacramento District's boundaries, which encompass the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada regions of California, as well as areas in Nevada and Utah. Once an individual activity is authorized, the proponent has three years to complete it. Each single and complete project must not result in a permanent loss exceeding 1.0 acre of wetlands, 2.0 acres of lakes or ponds, or 500 linear feet of stream. For permanent losses greater than 0.1 acre, compensatory mitigation at a 2:1 ratio is required. Proponents must submit a pre-construction notification (PCN) through the Regulatory Request System and may not begin work until receiving written verification from the Corps.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **May 11, 2026**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Linsey Shafer, General Permitting Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: wqcomments@utah.gov. After considering public comments the Utah Division of Water Quality may execute the Certification issuance, revise it or abandon it. The Certification is available for public review under <https://deq.utah.gov/public-notices-archive/water-quality-public-notices> A copy may be obtained by contacting Utah Division of Water Quality at (801) 536-4300.

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